

LITTLE GOPHER FLOODS THE VALLEY

Canal Breaks, Farms Are Flooded; Interurban Out; Ysleta in Darkness

A little gopher was responsible for farms being flooded, the interurban being washed out and Ysleta plunged in darkness Sunday night.

The offending gopher bored his cold, little nose through the bank of the Franklin canal near the 10 mile bridge Sunday night and started a flood which required 20 men with sacks of sand, working all night to stop.

The break was discovered at 3 o'clock and by 3 o'clock a lake a half mile square had been formed between the canal and the river near the Ysleta interurban near

the 10 mile bridge and flooded the alfalfa ranch of Samuel A. Craig to a depth of four feet, ruining his cutting of alfalfa and fruit trees. At 9 o'clock the power poles alongside of the interurban were washed out and the electric lights at Ysleta flickered and went out for the night. The Craig ranch was flooded two years ago.

Floods Checked.

At midnight the flow of water in the main canal, which was running full of water, was finally shut off at Ascarate and the flood was checked. A force of Mexicans in charge of H. L. Lee, of the maintenance force of the reclamation service in the valley, worked all night to stop the flow of water and repair the break.

The interurban was also being repaired by a force of track men who were taken to the scene of the flood on a special interurban car. It is expected that the track will be replaced late this afternoon. In the meantime park street cars are being run down to the break and the passengers transferred.

The break in the canal was closed Monday morning by the reclamation service men in charge of Earl Patterson. The interurban line repairs were also completed under the supervision of superintendent G. G. Morse, of the Electric Railway company. A total of 36 acres of alfalfa was flooded and will probably be a total loss.

PLAZA LAMP POST TOTAL TO ANCHOR JITNE; FALLS DOWN

When P. Jopp, a nickel car driver, got out of his machine at the plaza at 9:30 Saturday night to look at the tail light the car started down the slight incline of Mesa avenue. To stop it Jopp held to the machine with one hand and threw his arm around a lamp post.

It was then that the trouble started. The post, an iron affair with a "goose neck," broke loose from the sidewalk and fell over into the street, barely missing Jopp. The attached wires held firmly and the weight of the falling post pulled from its foundation the post in the rear, and it also toppled into the street. The post ahead held firmly, but the wires came down immediately in front of a machine a few feet in front of Jopp's car, and the occupants, including a woman, were badly frightened.

Two policemen were at the scene in a moment and kept people in the vicinity away from the wires. Jopp is of the opinion that a lamp post that could be pulled down by hand was not very securely anchored.

MEXICAN CHARGED WITH ANNOYING AMERICAN WOMEN

Pedro Saines, said to be a refugee from Mexico and formerly in Carranza's army, was arrested in Washington Saturday afternoon on a charge of carrying a pistol.

Saines, the police state, was swinging in the park and was annoying two women, also in swings. They complained to a policeman and when he was examined a pistol was found.

BURGLARS ENTER P. PADILLA HOME

Frightened Away When Family Returns; Tinker's House Is Entered

When P. H. Padilla and family returned to their home, at 704 Hill street, Sunday night they saw a burglar in the house. They immediately telephoned the police but before officers could reach the home the intruder had made his escape through a back door.

The burglar, interrupted in his work, failed to get away with any valuables. Report reached the police station Sunday night that Mexicans were stealing lumber from a barracks building at Old Fort Bliss. Mounted officers responded and found that a number of ratters had been sawed out preparatory to their removal. That the house was, however, had disappeared.

Tinker Home Entered.

When Sigurd Westerlund, chauffeur for Edward L. Tinker returned to the residence at 3515 McKinley avenue, Saturday night, after an absence of several days, he found the house open and the rooms ransacked. He stated Sunday morning that so far as he had been able to determine nothing had been stolen and he has a theory that the intruders were in search of papers.

Mr. Tinker is in New York and when Westerlund went to Denver several days ago on business for Mr. Tinker, the house was left unoccupied. It was during his absence that the house was entered. Upon his return he found all the doors open and the windows up. One window was broken. Mr. Westerlund found all the silverware in its accustomed place and some money that he had left in the house had not been touched.

Auto Stolen.

G. L. Borden's automobile was stolen from the west side of the Sheldon hotel between 9:35 and 9:45 Saturday night. The machine was found Sunday morning at Walnut and Canal streets.

Anacleo Hernandez was arrested Saturday night by city detectives as he was hurrying down South El Paso street. He had in his possession three men's hats and an old pair of shoes and he was charged with theft under full.

Edw. L. Liering, a Mexican woman, was apprehended in the Kress store by the manager of the establishment Saturday evening. She was charged with shoplifting.

City detectives Saturday afternoon arrested Madeline Hamilton, and later transferred her to the county jail on a charge of theft by larceny. The complaint was filed in J. M. Deaver's court. The woman is alleged to have taken some clothing belonging to Nora Campbell, a former roommate.

A Packard automobile belonging to Dr. Andreas Villareal, stolen several days ago, has not been located. The machine bore the number 2871.

Division among ourselves is the only foe to be feared.

Contract For \$50,000,000 Improvements Awarded One Firm in New South Wales

Sydney, New South Wales, June 7.—Works involving an expenditure of more than \$50,000,000, including ten railway lines, two water conservation schemes, harbor works, and a canal project, are provided for in a single contract just signed by the New South Wales government with an Anglo-Australian contracting firm, Norton Griffiths and company.

The contractors agree to finance the operations, which will be done in accordance with plans drawn up by the department of public works. The government will allow the firm a profit of 5 percent on the entire cost of construction.

BETTER MARKETING FACILITIES FOR VALLEY PRODUCTS SOUGHT

An investigation to determine what is needed to make El Paso a better market for valley products will be started Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the members of the land and irrigation committee of the chamber of commerce will hold a meeting with the produce merchants of the city.

At this meeting, to which all produce men are invited, the question of marketing valley products locally will be thoroughly canvassed.

One of the important points to be brought up will be that of packing and grading fruits, the contention having been made that some valley farmers do not prepare their products in such a manner as to make them readily marketable.

SENATOR SHEPPARD WANTS TO KNOW EL PASO'S NEEDS

L. M. McCrummen, of El Paso, a former resident in the congressional district of Morris Sheppard, present United States senator, has received a letter from the senator further confirming his statement to president Orndorff, of the chamber of commerce, that he will be in El Paso soon. Mr. Sheppard says he notes "with appreciation the clippings you send from The El Paso Herald" and that he is sorry he could not be here to meet the congressional appropriations committee, but adds:

"I hope some time during the fall to visit El Paso and to look into the needs of the city from the standpoint of the federal government."

PLANS TO BE MADE TUESDAY FOR TRIP TO MASCO, ARIZ.

Final arrangements for the trip to Masco, Ariz., to attend the celebration that will be held at the opening of the Masco mine and railroad, will be made at a meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce to be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday night. During the summer months the directors will hold their meetings in the evening.

Too Many Officers Are Being Killed; Remedy Sought By Kitchener

London, Eng., June 7.—Earl Kitchener has lately been devoting personal attention to the extremely heavy casualties among officers in the hope of finding means of reducing them. During the month of April, so far as a rough calculation goes, no fewer than 225 officers were either killed or wounded, as compared with 13,158 rank and file. This means that about one officer was put out of action for every 59 men, an extraordinarily high proportion.

It is believed that for a large number of these casualties the wearing by officers of the "Sam Browne" belt is responsible, since this enables German snipers to pick out the officers at considerable range.

Many military men of experience are of opinion that this belt should be abolished for active service, seeing it serves no useful purpose and that swords should likewise be done away with, officers and men being dressed and equipped in precisely the same way, save that officers would continue to carry on their sleeves the distinguishing badge of their rank as guides to those with whom they were working.

THREE SOLDIERS ARRESTED IN RAID ON LIQUOR CLUB

H. C. Hanson, J. P. Keating and C. E. James, said to be soldiers, were arrested Sunday afternoon in a raid on a club located on Cotton avenue, between First and Second streets. Charges of selling liquor on Sunday were entered against each of them.

Policeman J. M. Lapin visited the place during the afternoon and is said to have succeeded in purchasing beer. A little later the officer and policemen Dan Thompson and Tom York raided the place.

Manuel Soto was arrested Saturday morning charged with selling liquor on Sunday.

BELTRAN BROTHERS FREED OF FABRIS MURDER CHARGE

Jose Antonio Beltran and his brother, Espiridon Beltran, were found not guilty of the murder of Pompeyo Rier by a jury in the 51st district court Saturday.

Arguments were completed shortly before 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The jury was out less than an hour.

The defendants in the case were represented by mayor Tom Lea and R. E. Thompson. The state was represented by district attorney W. W. Bridges and Judge T. E. Falvey, special counsel.

PORTO RICAN WORKINGMEN ALLEGE MALADMINISTRATION

Washington, D. C., June 7.—Rights, liberties and lives of Porto Ricans are jeopardized by maladministration of Porto Rican affairs, according to a committee of the Free Federation of Workingmen of Porto Rico which presented a petition to the white house Sunday.

The petition urged the appointment of a commission to investigate labor conditions on the island. It also asked congress to give the island a new constitution and make Porto Ricans citizens of the United States.

14 YEARS Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1901.

Juarez has had another liberal donation from the federal government that is of vital importance to that city. For more than 20 years the city has been receiving one per cent of all customs dues but a ruling has just been made by Mr. Lumanou whereby this appropriation is doubled. It is expected that the revenue to the city will now amount to about \$54,000 a year. Many essential improvements, including the building of another school, are now planned.

W. A. Hawkins has returned from Captain.

Henry Pfaff left for Alamogordo on a business trip yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Widman and son left this morning for California.

The family of A. R. McKie left today for a visit to Mississippi.

R. E. Hall left this morning on a business trip to Alamogordo.

H. R. Wood returned from a brief trip to Cloudcroft last night.

Nick Carson has gone to New Orleans on a business and pleasure trip.

Mag. W. J. Favel and son have gone to their ranch in New Mexico.

Mrs. J. M. Hawkins and daughter left this morning for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Richard Caples has gone to Santa Monica to spend the summer.

Dr. J. A. Hawkins and family will leave on Saturday for Cloudcroft.

Mrs. Wyndham Wemp went to Cloudcroft yesterday to spend the summer.

Prof. W. H. T. Lopez, of the Aoy school, left this morning for California.

Customs collector Moses Dillon has gone to California to spend the summer.

Harry Layton returned yesterday from Captain, where he went on business.

Col. Hodgson, clerk of the federal court, has returned from an outing spent in the mountains.

Sing Lee, the Chinaman who was almost drowned when he swam the river three weeks ago, has been ordered deported.

Mrs. Childress and family have arrived here from Missouri to join Mr. Childress here in their new home in El Paso.

At the meeting of the city council last night it was decided to erect two public fountains in the city. Those present were auditor mayor Baum, and aldermen Caldwell, Badger, Band and Pennabaker.

At the home of L. H. Hixson, at the corner of Magoffin avenue and St. Vrain street, about noon today, a big pile of brush in the back yard caught on fire. Only the prompt work of the fire department prevented the flames spreading to the house.

ABE MARTIN



The hardest thing about being a great public man is keeping quiet till you find out which is the popular side of the question. What's become of the old time family that used to spend Sunday afternoon on the front porch?

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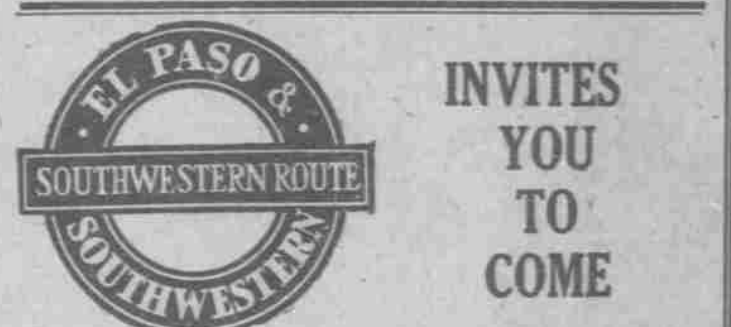
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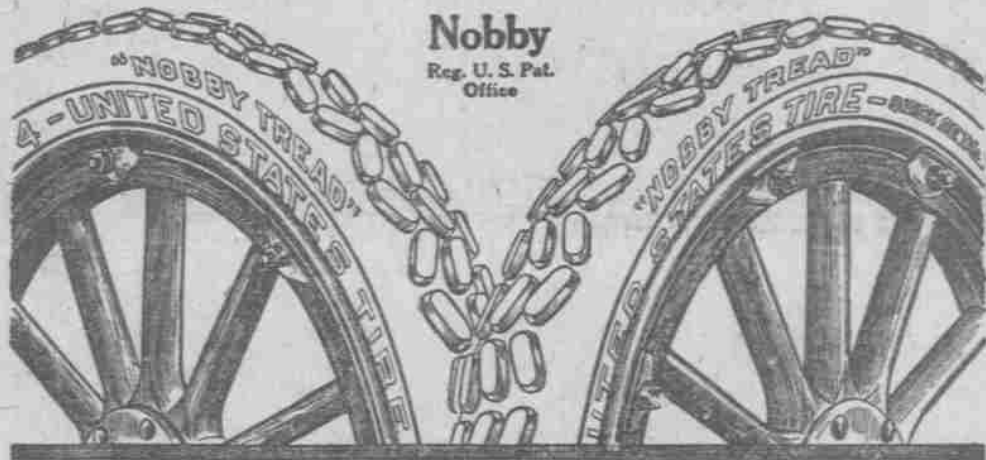
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